

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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LABOUR UNREST
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have assessed the losses suffered due to labour unrest in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the States which are more prone to labour unrest and whether the Union Government have drawn any plans to check such labour unrest; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): The Labour Bureau collects information on wage & production losses incurred due to strikes and lockouts in the country on a voluntary basis. According to provisional information available for 1999 and 2000 wage loss was around Rs.200 crore and production loss during the same period was around Rs. 1800 crore. A greater incidence of strikes and lockouts was observed in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat during this period. The Government have been keeping a close and continuous watch over the industrial relations situation in the country. The Industrial Relations Machinery has been directed to take suitable steps to resolve disputes and reduce work stoppage through mediation, conciliation and settlements. Initiatives have also been taken for regular consultation and tripartite discussions with the social partners to arrive at closer understanding of the factors underlying labour unrest and measures necessary for ensuring industrial harmony.